Suicides by farmers

†1809. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of suicides by farmers which have come to the light during the last five years;

(b) the total loan of the banks out-standing against those farmers;

(c) whether Government have taken any action to waive those those loans; and

(d) what is the present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) A Statement on this is given as Statement (*See* below)

(b) The necessary information is being obtained and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) In the special rehabilitation package that has been recently announced for the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra, there is provision for waiver of overdue interest on agricultural loans as on 30th June, 2006. Instruction have been issued by RBI/NABARD for providing interest waiver.

Statement

Cases of Suicides by Farmers during the last five years

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Period	No. (Based on the figures reported by State Governments)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2001-02	267
		2002-03	313
		2003-04	393
		2004-05	1126
		2005-06	300
		2006-07(upto 31-5-2006)	11
2.	Karnataka	2001-02	2505
		2002-03	2340
		2003-04	708
		2004-05	271
		2005-06	152

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

S. No.	Name of the State	Period	No. (Based on the figures reported by State Governments)
		2006-07(upto 31-5-2006)	7
3.	Maharashtra	2001	50
		2002	122
		2003	170
		2004	620
		2005	572
		2006(upto June 30)	746
4.	Punjab	2002-03	Nil
		2003-04	2
		2004-05	Nil
		2005-06(upto 30.6.2005)	Nil
5.	Kerala	2001	56
		2002	69
		2003	74
		2004	135
		2005	120
		2006(upto June)	52
6.	Orissa	2001-02	2
		2002-03	1
		2003-04	Nil
		2004-05(upto 28-2-2005)	Nil
		2005-06(1-3-05 to 30-9-2005)	5
7.	Gujarat	2001	13
		2002	6
		2003	Nil
		2004	4
		2005	1

Note: (i) In respect of Karnataka, the figures for the years 2000-01 to 2002-2003 are based on the records with the State Crime Records Bureau and for the subsequent years on the basis of records maintained by the State Agriculture Department.

(ii) The Punjab Government has recently intimated that between 1997 to Sept., 2005,179 farmers committed suicides because of various reasons, but without year-wise break-up.